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SUBJECT: MEZVINSKY VISIT TO SANTIAGO

A) USUN 1294; B) STATE 89485; C) LANDAU-STEVEN TELCON

1. DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS EMBASSY SANTIAGO SUGGESTION THAT THIRD SENTENCE OF DRAFT PRESS RELEASE SHOULD BE DELETED. WE ALSO AGREE TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL SENTENCE SUGGESTED BY USUN. FULL TEXT OF RELEASE, WHICH SHOULD BE RELEASED BY USUN ON MONDAY, READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFIDENTIAL

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, EDWARD MEZVINSKY, IS TODAY BEGINNING A VISIT TO CHILE. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECENT RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON CHILE. MR. MEZVINSKY IS UNDERTAKING THE VISIT IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND IN FURTHERANCE OF HIS DESIRE TO FACILATE CONTACTS

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AND THE UNITED NATIONS AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CHILE. WHILE IN CHILE, MR. MEZVINSKY MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH OTHERS CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS."

2. DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE AS NECESSARY AT USUN, AT DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING ON MONDAY, AND BY EMBASSY SANTIAGO.

QUESTION: IS MEZVINSKY AUTHORIZED BY THE WORKING GROUP TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT ON ITS BEHALF?

ANSWER: NO

QUESTION: ISN'T THE PURPOSE OF MEZVINSKY'S TRIP TO TRY TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO CHILE BY THE WORKING GROUP?

ANSWER: THE RECENT RESOLUTION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REITERATES THE CALL IN PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS FOR A VISIT TO CHILE BY THE WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. MEZVINSKY HOPES TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

QUESTION: WHO WILL MEZVINSKY BE SEEING BESIDES THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE? CONFIDENTIAL

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ANSWER: THAT WILL BE ARRANGED IN SANTIAGO. I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THAT FOR YOU.

3. FOR SANTIAGO: PURSUANT TO SUGGESTION SANTIAGO 2552, MEZVINSKY PLANS TO DEPART CHILE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, AT 2015 ON BRANNIFF 920. HE WILL CONNECT WITH BRANIFF 978 IN LIMA FOR TRIP TO MIAMI AND ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 12 AT 1003 ON EASTERN 158.

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